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In re Application of: **Leach**

Serial No.: **09/591,258**

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For: **Method and System for Monitoring
and Transmitting Utility Status via
Universal Communications Interface**

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Art Unit: **2181**

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AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

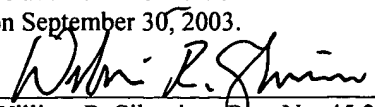
Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated March, 312003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. In light of these amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that the all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and that the application be allowed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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